

Five Quarters of the Orange

Joanne Harris

From the author of **Chocolat** comes another French tale involving secrets, tragedy, and food. A woman finds clues hidden among her mother's recipes are clues to her past.

The Debt to Pleasure

John Lanchester

This unusual first novel takes the form of a memoir, each chapter prompted by remembrance of some meal or special dish, with recipes tossed in for good measure. There is the feel of a mystery hanging over the story line as the narrator instructs readers on his philosophy of life.

Eat Cake

Jeanne Ray

Cake is Ruth's version of Zen, allowing her to lose herself in the ritual of familiar smells and precise measurements. Her fantasies turn to practical reality in this delightful drama of everyday life.

The Book of Salt

Monique Truong

Drawing inspiration from a fleeting reference in the **Alice B. Toklas Cook Book** (1954) Truong has concocted a delectable fictional memoir about a Vietnamese cook who works for Toklas and Gertrude Stein.

From our Adult Mystery section:

Davidson, Diane Mott

With titles like **Cereal Murders**, **Dying for Chocolate**, **Grilling Season**, among others, Davidson charms readers with her divine cozy crime novels that feature Goldy Bear Schulz, caterer and caffeinated sleuth.

Fluke, Joanne

An amateur sleuth does her duty in **Blueberry Muffin Murder**, **Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder**, **Strawberry Shortcake Murder**, and more. Cozy, with recipes included!

King, Peter

Follow the gourmet detective around the globe via all sorts of modes of transport in **Roux the Day**, **Spiced to Death**, and **Death Al Dente**.

Myers, Tamar

Who could resist such clever titles as **Between a Wok and a Hard Place**, **Crepes of Wrath**, and **Gruel and Unusual Punishment**? Pennsylvania Dutch country with intriguing characters make the perfect recipe for mystery.



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From our Adult Fiction section:

Crescent

Diana Abu-Jaber

A love story set in Los Angeles involves an Iraqi immigrant who lives with a devoted uncle. She works as a chef in a Lebanese restaurant, her passions aroused only by the preparation of food—until an unbearably handsome Arabic literature professor starts dropping by for a little home cooking.

Secrets of the Tsil Café

Thomas Fox Averill

The narrator is the son of dueling chefs: his father owns a restaurant and his mother is a caterer. Growing up in their two kitchens, Wes embodies their conflicts and collusions: New World versus Old World ingredients, heat and warmth. A volatile coming of age story with lots of chili recipes.

Food of Love

Anthony Capella

A modern version of Cyrano de Bergerac, food and romance make a winning combination. Set in Rome, a young, stunning Italian waiter is able to seduce an American student with gastronomic delights simply because his roommate is a fabulous (but not attractive) chef.

The Devil's Larder

Jim Crace

Sixty four short fictions about food, appetite and all of the complexities of human nature as revealed through food.

Heartburn

Nora Ephron

The author's thinly disguised account of her marriage to famed Watergate journalist Carl Bernstein is laugh-out-loud funny in parts. A cook-book writer intermingles recipes with the plot as she deals with the pain of her husband's infidelity.

Second Thyme Around

Katie Fford

A good-natured and utterly charming romance about Lucas, a handsome, talented, somewhat prickly chef, falling back in love with his ex-wife, Perdita, whose small produce operation supplies fresh vegetables for his restaurant. They are paired on a TV cooking show as "The Gourmet and the Gardener".